

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 2/24/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Genaro Diaz, Project Manager (805) 781-5279	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution approving the Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge over San Juan Creek in Shandon Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), and direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities. District 1.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the attached resolution approving the Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge Over San Juan Creek in Shandon Project and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21000 et seq., of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA); and 2. Direct staff to proceed with associated project development activities, including but not limited to: right-of-way processes; environmental regulatory permits; and preparation of final plans and specifications. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) STIP, Federal Toll Credits, Developer Contribution	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Attached	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1			

Reference: 15FEB24-C-3

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Genaro Diaz, Project Manager

Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Division Manager

VIA: Dave Flynn, Deputy Director of Public Works

DATE: 2/24/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The proposed project consists of the construction of a new pedestrian-bike bridge over San Juan Creek adjacent to the existing vehicle bridge on East Centre Street. The project is located on the north side of the East Centre Street Bridge over San Juan Creek, between North 5th Street and Calle Carmelita, in the community of Shandon. The project is located in the Shandon/Carrizo subarea of the North County planning area in Supervisorial District 1.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety over San Juan Creek by providing a bridge to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. The project has been identified as a priority by the community and supported by San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG).

As required by CEQA, all discretionary projects carried out by the Department of Public Works are reviewed to identify, avoid, reduce, and mitigate any environmental impacts. The Initial Study for this project was prepared by staff of the Department of Public Works' Environmental Division, with review

and approval by the Environmental Coordinator in the Department of Planning and Building. The Environmental Coordinator found that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because of the inclusion of mitigation and impact avoidance measures.

The Initial Study identified impacts and mitigation measures in the following issue areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Hazardous Materials. Mitigation measures include: pre-construction surveys and worker education to avoid impacts to sensitive species; revegetation for biological resources; and best management practices for water pollution, dust control, fire prevention, and erosion control.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Prior to commencement of the Initial Study, other affected local, State and Federal Agencies were notified of the proposed project.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed for public comment in a local newspaper and circulated to State agencies through the State Clearinghouse. The minimum 30-day review period ended January 19, 2015; no comments were received.

Prior to the commencement of work within the stream bed and banks, a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Section 404 Authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Section 401 Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board must be secured.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This project is a multi-year project budgeted in Road Fund for FY 2014-15 – WBS 300485 in the amount of \$264,272, which covers the cost of project development. The project will be funded from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Federal Bridge Toll Credits, and Developer Contributions. No budget adjustment is necessary at this time. Once project construction costs are known, we will return to Your Board with a budget adjustment to increase the appropriation and funding as necessary.

RESULTS

Approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will complete the CEQA review phase and allow the project to move into the environmental permitting, right-of-way, and final design phases. Completion of the project will result in safer accommodations for pedestrian and bicycle traffic across San Juan Creek, thereby contributing to a safe and prosperous community.

c: Katie Drexhage, Environmental Resource Specialist

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Vicinity Map
2. General Plan Sheet
3. Resolution Approving the Pedestrian-Bicycle Bridge Over San Juan Creek in Shandon Project and Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act